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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 272

AN ACT concerning utilities and transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. P.L.241-1997, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: SECTION 1. (a) As used in this SECTION, "member" refers to a person appointed under subsection (c)(3) or (c)(4) or to a legislator whose district includes all or part of Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County, or Elkhart County.

(b) The northwest Indiana **transportation** study commission is established.

(c) The commission consists of fourteen (14) voting members appointed as follows:

- (1) Six (6) members of the senate, not more than three (3) of whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- (2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives, not more than three (3) of whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (3) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.
- (4) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the Michiana Area Council of Governments.

(d) The ~~president pro tempore of the senate~~ **chairman of the**

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**legislative council** shall select one (1) member of the commission to serve as the chairperson **and the vice chairman of the legislative council shall select one (1) member of the commission to serve as the vice chairperson.**

(e) The commission shall ~~study the following issues:~~

**(1) evaluate existing studies that address the needs and viability of high speed rail service in and through the state, including the:**

**(A) Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;**

**(B) Federal Railroad Administration High Speed Rail Study; and**

**(C) the Indiana Passenger Rail Study;**

**(2) review other high speed rail issues identified by the commission as requiring study;**

~~(1) The feasibility of establishing improvements to~~ **(3) monitor the development of** commuter transportation and rail service in the ~~Westlake County-Chicago~~ **Lowell-Chicago** and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors;

~~(2) At~~ **(4) study all** aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County; **and**

~~(3) The commission may~~ **(5) study** other topics as assigned by the legislative council.

(f) The commission shall submit a final report of the commission's findings and recommendations to the legislative council before November 1, ~~1999~~: **2001**.

(g) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative or lay members on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the commission.

(i) This SECTION expires November 2, ~~1999~~: **2001**.

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